connection necessary schemes have been prepared after investigations which are to be taken up as per availability of funds. As regards the problem of erosion in P.S. Balagarh and near Bandel Thermal Power Station, the State Government has also taken necessary steps for protective measures. In the Barrackpore-Dakshineswar area in the district of North 24 Parganas, no alarming erosion of river Hooghly has been observed. However, the stretches of the river have been kept under observation by the State Government.

Water resources schemes for Rajasthan

1371. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally sponsored schemes being implemented to assist Rajasthan for enhancing water resources;

(b) the amount earmarked for the purpose during the last two years, year-wise; and

(c) the State's achievement with regard to preservation of water and exploitation of water resources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) Since water is a State subject, the responsibility of planning, investigating, funding along with priority, execution, operation and maintenance of water resources projects primarily rests with the concerned State Governments themselves. The Central Government has launched the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) since 1996-97 to provide Central Loan Assistance (CLA) to the Major and Medium Irrigation projects which are in an advanced stage of completion and the State Government of Rajasthan has been provided an amount of Rs. 78.467 crore in the year 2000-2001 and Rs. 96.315 crore in the year 2001-2002 as CLA under (AIBP). The Government of India has provided an amount of Rs. 53.62 crore in the year 2000-2001 as a grant for augmentation of traditional water resources of the State of Rajasthan. In addition, the amount earmarked for following schemes in Rajasthan during the last two years is as follows:

(i) K.F.W. (German Financial Bank) for construction of Minor Irrigation Schemes

Phase I (FRG)

Year 2000-2001 : 19.35 lacs

Year 2001-2002 : NIL

(ii) Agriculture Development Project—World Bank Aided

Year 2000-2001 : 415.40 lacs

Year 2001-2002 : NIL

Central Government is also providing assistance for the soil and water conservation and rain water harvesting under the schemes of Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP), Desert Development Programme (DDP) and Integrated Waste Lands Development Programme (IWDP). The scheme-wise amount released to the State Government of Rajasthan during the last two years is as follows:—

Rs. in crore

S. No.	Name of Scheme	2000-01	2001-02
1.	DPAP	9.81	11.95
2.	DDP	78.54	81.64
3.	IWDP	7.69	10.41

(c) As reported by the State Government of Rajasthan, one major irrigation project namely Sidhmukh-Nohar and 21 minor irrigation projects have been completed and an additional potential of 71000 hectare created during the last two years.

Availability of drinking water

1372. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:
SHRI JIBON ROY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the availability of drinking water per person per year in the country is going down;